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In Re Patent Application of:
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Title: PACKAGE OF CYLINDRICAL ARTICLE AND PRODUCTION METHOD
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action dated July 22, 2003 (Paper No. 6) in the above-identified patent application, Applicants make the following election.

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Presently claims 1-19 are pending in the application. The Examiner has required restriction between the claims of Group I (claims 1, 7-15, and 17-19) which are drawn to a package for cylindrical articles, and the claims of Group II (claims 2-6 and 16) which are drawn to a method of fabricating a package for cylindrical articles. The Examiner contends that Groups I and II do not relate to a single inventive concept, and therefore cannot be examined at the same time. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.143, Applicants elect Group I (claims 1, 7-15 and 17-19) for initial prosecution in this application, without traverse.

Applicants request that the Examiner acknowledge the claim of foreign priority.

Examination and an early Notice of Allowance of at least these claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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